resulting in decreased forced vital capacity. Acute reactions in the eyes have now subsided. However, persistent corneal opacities in the gas exposed population is found on slit lamp examination. Large numbers of the population have also suffered from a wide range of neurotic disorders. Studies carried out in mothers and children have revealed that there has been a high abortion rate in women who were exposed to the toxic gas during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Legislation for infant milkfoods

@1774. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to legislate for regulation of production, supply and distribution of infant milk foods and if so, by when; and

(b) whether implementation of the proposed Act is likely to be taken up at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No time schedule has been proposed for legislation.

Encouragement to Private Sector in Tourism

1775. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances which compelled Government to encourage the private sector in tourism in a big way;

(b) whether it would adversely affect the services of work force numbering 10,000 in the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(c) what are the reasons for which wage revision for the employees of India Tourism Development Corporation and its Transport Division has not been made since March, 1973 and those in Hotels and Catering Establishments since June, 1986, respectively; and

(d) what are the reasons for which vacancies in India Tourism Development Corporation are not filled up by making regular appointments and for recruiting workers on daily wage basis?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Private sector plays a major role in development of tourism in the country. To attract more investment in tourism a package of incentives concessions has been offered to private sector by Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Wages of employees in ITDC Headquarters and its Transport Division are based on the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission A High Powered Committee (HPC) has been constituted to go into the revision of pay of such employees working in public sector undertakings including ITDC as are in receipt of Central Government D.A.

Interim Relief granted by HPC from time to time has been allowed to this category of ITDC employees. ITDC Hotels & Catering Establishment employees on Industrial DA Pattern have also been granted with effect from 1.1.1986 Interim Relief as in the case of all such public sector undertakings employees governed by Industrial DA Pattern, pending revision of their wages.

(d) Vacancies in the ITDC are filled based on business requirements and commercial viability. Only for

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